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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S.--CHINA STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC  
DIALOGUE

**¶1. LEAD STORIES:** Monday morning's Mainichi gave top play to an interview with a crew member of the Enola Gay, which dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

**¶2. "U.S., Japan Need to Exercise Power to Lead"** The conservative Sankei editorialized (8/3): "The U.S. and China held the first round of their strategic and economic dialogue, at which cabinet ministers from both countries comprehensively discussed economic, political, and security issues. Although the two nations reached agreements on such issues as policy coordination on the economic front and the resumption of military exchanges, not much substantial progress was made on the diplomatic and security fronts. It should probably be said that the results of the talks fell short of signifying that a "G2 system," under which the U.S. and China set world trends, has been launched. Rather, it is necessary for the U.S. and Japan to further exercise their power to lead in order to call on China to take responsible actions."

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